

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 2-4, 6-11, 33-36, 38-43, 46, 47, 50 and 52-54 are pending in the application, that claims 2, 6, 33, 36, 38, 40 and 46 are rejected, and that claims 3, 4, 7-11, 34, 35, 39, 41-43, 47, 50 and 52-54 are objected to. By this response, claims 2-4, 6, 33, 36, 38, 40 and 46 have been amended. Thus, claims 2-4, 6-11, 33-36, 38-43, 46, 47, 50 and 52-54 are pending in the application.

Allowed and Allowable Claims

Claims 2-4, 6, 33, 36, 38, 40 and 46 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as stated in the instant Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 3-4, 7-11, 34-35, 39, 41-43, 47, 50, 52-54 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claims 35, 50 and 52-54 have not been properly objected to in the office action. More particularly, no proper objection has been made to independent claims 35 and 50. Claims 35, 50 and 52-54 are believed to be allowable as presented and Applicants traverse this improper objection. Claims 2-4, 6, 33, 36, 38, and 46 have been amended in order to overcome the claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to cover further limiting subject matter directed to the rotation direction of the arrow and the direction of the helical configuration for the rods, respectively.

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The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter for claims 3-4, 7-11, 34-35, 39, 41-43, 47, 50 and 52-54 is an improper objection in that there is only a proper rejection to independent claims 6 and 46; whereas, there is not a proper objection to independent claims 35 and 52. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner clarify this improper objection in the event that independent claims 35 and 52 are not presently presented in allowable form.

Accordingly, all of the properly presented objections are believed to be overcome through the presented amendment and all remaining claims are believed to be allowable. Accordingly, action to that end is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview before issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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